

Sectional Games to Decide Amateur Title Begin Today LIVE SPORTS Edited By Louis Dougherty

AMATEUR ARMIES ENTER INTO BASEBALL WARFARE TO DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Upward of 200 Players Precipitated Into the Sectional Series, Which Will Take Elimination Process One Step Nearer the Decision of Season's Titleholder.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Upward of two hundred amateur baseball players, members of the Washington Amateur Baseball Association, will be precipitated into a battle which will not end until next Saturday afternoon, today at 5 o'clock, when the sectional series for the selection of a local champion will be started.

Six teams figure in today's conflicts and tomorrow three new ones will be ushered into the fastest sandlot elimination contest that has ever been staged to decide a Washington amateur title. Nine teams, representing the best in as many amateur wheels of this city are pitted in this week's intricate schedule, they having been divided into three classifications, A, B, and C. In each of these sections a team will be declared winner in its own little circle and the three sectional champions will clash next week in a post-season series.

So close have been the games of recent weeks to decide league title holders that it would be folly to attempt, at this time, to indicate a possible nine for the championship of the entire association, and to draw one self into a discussion as to which club the wreath of glory will finally be awarded is nothing short of premature.

Of the nine organizations which are today thrown into the first heat of the elimination process, two-thirds of them might, by the dope route, be figured as having the best chance for the local title.

A tangible comparison of these nine fighting clubs is also practically impossible as none of them has ever been seen in action against another. Of course the type of play presented in the various leagues might easily have been established by closely following the games throughout the season. This is the nearest that any parallel may be drawn, and it is decidedly warped when a deflection is allowed for the number of players who were declared ineligible for these games and also the handicap under which the players will be working in performing on strange grounds in many of the games.

There seems to be a general impression prevailing among the amateur following to the effect that the Eastern club, the Potomac, is going to rush right in and gobble up the sectional, bones and all; while there is no denying that the Anacostia have a great pitching staff, and are going to have plenty of equally strong material to dispose of before they can begin to talk of plans for going to Richmond, the same goes for the other eight teams for they all have a long route to travel ere they enter the charmed society of champions.

For instance, that Tenleytown team which has been the Central organization is a contender over which the others have no right to do any crowing. Tenleytown is distinctly a team which has been declared which looms up most brightly on the amateur horizon and is a team which has been declared which looms up most brightly on the amateur horizon and is a team which has been declared which looms up most brightly on the amateur horizon.

Also let it be stated that the Treasury club, which has been the Potomac organization is a contender over which the others have no right to do any crowing. Treasury is distinctly a team which has been declared which looms up most brightly on the amateur horizon.

There is an eligibility code which has been passed upon by the amateur commission and from which various players are being barred from the games which start today.

CENTRAL.
Emerald-Oakley, McDonough, Norris, Hines, Murphy, Donnelly, Goller, Con, Shallen, G. Rawlings, O'Donnell, R. Rawlings, Callan, Parrott, Degnan, Hurry, Lemerle, and Varella.

DEPARTMENT.
Postoffice, Anderson, Barnhart, Beard, Bradley, Dodge, Fenton, Kerr, Kraft, Lyons, Martin, McCoy, Neff, Rosner, R. Rawlings, Stanton, Tamm, and Warthen.

EAST WASHINGTON SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Ninth Street-Madigan, Fee, Kerper, Carriest, Steel, Marston, Moreland, King, Sals, Keller, Giovannetti, Cheney, Van Herbulis, C. Broome, M. Broome, Gontree, Hanson, and Tamm.

MARQUETTE.
Tenleytown-Bearch, Blinkhorn, Kirkland, Derrick, Donaldson, Hazer, Howard, Jones, March, Riedel, Riller, Con, Shallen, H. Stadler, J. Stadler, Stewart, Vernein, and Wise.

NORTHWEST SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Brightwood-Charlton, Dudley, Dyer, Eastwood, Fiedler, G. Glet, Her, Hunt, McCarty, Roberts, Ruppert, J. Stutz, B. Stutz, Stanley, Thomas, Stewart, Waldron, and Tamm.

POTOMAC.
Eastern-Giovannetti, Dean, Hunt, Moran, Fitzgerald, Plunkett, Varella, Smithson, Spaulding, W. Brewer, E. Brewer, Johnson, Green, Murray, Beck, Cole, Kelly, Mitchell.

RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.
Station-J. Thompson, T. Thompson, Thompson, Phillips, Thorne, Hunt, Boyd, Sullivan, H. Black, Simonon, Noid, Young, Mark, Worthen and Fisher.

ROSEDALE.
Holy Name-Diast, G. Glet, Her, Ford, F. Foland, Gayer, Harmon,

SCHEDULE TODAY

SECTION A.

Eastern Athletic Club vs. Tenleytown, at Potomac League grounds.

SECTION B.

Brightwood vs. Car Department, at Northwest Sunday School League grounds.

SECTION C.

Postoffice vs. Treasury, at Central League grounds.

TREASURY.

Treasury-Armstrong, Bell, Byer, Bono, Crown, Downby, Fulcher, Flannery, Montgomery, McLaren, Robinson, Sigourney, Strait, Stiles, Thompson, and Vose.

IRON MAN COOMBS

TO PITCH IN YEAR

Physicians Say Athletics' Twirl-er Is Rapidly Reaching Complete Recovery.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 10.—Jack Coombs will again pitch for the Athletics.

So the doctors say.

He has received the best specialists in the East. They have assured him that by next spring he will be able to return to the game and take his regular turn in the box.

"I lack the weight now," says the former great iron man from the north woods of Maine.

"My fast ball is missing," continued Coombs, "but my arm is getting better right along and my curve is working nicely."

In Syracuse the other day he pitched in an exhibition game and had Syracuse helpless. It was his first real attempt to twirl since illness brought him down.

No ordinary man could ever have survived the aches that Coombs went through. His recovery is a tribute to clean living. An "iron" constitution and perfect habits built up under Coombs' rule of the fastest assaults known to medical science could not shatter completely. He came out of the skirmish in which he faced death time and again, considerably battered, but with enough of the foundation left to build anew.

"I'll never be as good as I was," sighs Coombs. "I'll be glad, though, if I can have a few more years, say three, then I will be ready to quit."

He has pitched in the major league since 1911, but has given that up. "I'll never be that good again."

Coombs is feeling well, his appetite and sleep are sound and regular, and his weight is increasing. His complexion has a healthy glow, and his eyes are clear as crystal.

Coombs, even at his best, was not an ordinary iron man. His ability and desire for an unusual amount of work over and over again, has made him a "brain" pitcher. Coombs is one of the brainiest pitchers of all time. He knows as much about pitching as any twirler in either major league. A man with his knowledge can afford to lose quite an amount of speed and still be a winner.

Only a few days ago he heard the verdict that he would be in condition to pitch again by next year. The doctors told him he had better hold off this season, but that when next spring came he could go South with plans of chucking in his regular turn.

"They never miss you when you're gone," cannot be applied to Coombs' case. Nothing would be more welcome to the Athletics in particular and baseball in general than his return. Coombs never had a man more missed than Coombs. He has ever been an invaluable help to the Athletics and a credit to the game.

Lafayette Squad Will Be Called Out Soon

EASTON, Pa., Aug. 10.—At a meeting of the athletic committee of Lafayette College, last week, it was decided that two weeks before the opening of college the veterans and last year's second string football men will be sent to the Delaware Valley War College for preliminary practice. Capt. Dick Diamond is about to send out a call to all the men. The football schedule, as officially announced, is particularly attractive, as all but two games will be played at home. Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania are the two teams to be played away from home. The schedule is a hard one, notwithstanding that four of the teams that appeared on last year's schedule will not be played this season. These eleven are Yale, Swarthmore, University of Pittsburgh, and Bucknell. Penn State will be one of the new teams, a three-year-agreement having been entered into. The schedule:

September 26, Delaware College, at Easton; October 3, Ursinus, at Easton; October 10, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; October 17, Princeton, at Princeton; October 24, Villanova, at Easton; October 31, Penn State, at Easton; November 7, Muhlenberg, at Easton; November 14, Albright, at Easton; November 21, Lehigh, at Easton; November 28, Dickinson, at Easton.

The athletic committee has elected Prof. Frank March athletic faculty manager and Charles Quidt, secretary and treasurer.

